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The role of the United Nations system in promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all

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Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its agreed conclusions 1995/1 and 2002/1 and its relevant resolutions on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including its resolution 2006/44 of 28 July 2006 on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B, its decision 2006/274 of 15 December 2006 on the follow-up to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council and its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006 on the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society and review of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, as well as General Assembly resolutions 50/227 of 24 May 1996, 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 60/265 of 30 June 2006 and 61/16 of 20 November 2006,

Recalling also its decision 2006/206 of 10 February 2006 on adapting the work of the Economic and Social Council,

Recalling further the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits and the review of their implementation in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[1]

Recalling also that the Council should increase its role in overseeing system-wide coordination and the balanced integration of economic, social and environmental aspects of United Nations policies and programmes aimed at promoting sustainable development, and reaffirming that the Commission on Sustainable Development should continue to be the high-level commission on sustainable development within the United Nations system and serve as a forum for consideration of issues related to integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development, as called for in General Assembly resolution 61/16,

Reaffirming the commitments to and emphasizing the need to fully implement the global partnership for development set out in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[2] the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development[3] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation")[4] and to enhance the momentum generated by the 2005 World Summit in order to operationalize and implement, at all levels, the commitments set out in the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the 2005 World Summit, in the economic, social and related fields,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265,[5]

1. *Reaffirms* the need to continue to strengthen the Council as the central mechanism for system-wide coordination and thus promote the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences in the economic, social and related fields, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolutions 50/227, 57/270 B and 61/16;

2. *Notes* the completion of the review of the working methods by the functional commissions and other relevant bodies of the Council, and also notes the decision by some of the subsidiary bodies to continue to review their methods of work, as mandated in General Assembly resolution 57/270 B;

3. *Recognizes* the need to further enhance coordination and cooperation between the Council and its functional commissions and subsidiary bodies so as to allow the Council to carry out its crucial role as the central mechanism for system-wide coordination more effectively, while reiterating that when mandated, the functional commissions should continue to have the primary responsibility for the

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[1] General Assembly resolution 60/1.

[2] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[3] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex,

[5] A/62/89-E/2007/76.

review and assessment of progress made in implementing the outcomes of the United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields;

4. *Acknowledges* the efforts of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 57/270 B and 60/252 and Council resolution 2006/46, to effectively assist the Council as the focal point in the system-wide follow-up, in particular the review and assessment of progress made in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society,[6] while at the same time maintaining its original mandate on science and technology for development, also taking into account the provisions of paragraph 60 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[1] and also acknowledges the efforts of the Commission to use the multi-stakeholder approach effectively while preserving its intergovernmental nature;

5. *Recalls* the recommendation by the General Assembly that the Council establish a multi-year programme of work for the ministerial-level substantive reviews, in accordance with Assembly resolution 61/16;

6. *Requests* the functional commissions, the regional commissions and other relevant subsidiary bodies of the Council to continue contributing, as appropriate, and in accordance with their respective mandates, to the work of the Council in line with relevant General Assembly resolutions, particularly resolutions 57/270 B and 61/16;

7. *Stresses* the important contribution of civil society in the implementation of conference outcomes, and emphasizes that the contribution of non-governmental organizations and the private sector to the work of the Council should be further encouraged and improved, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Council;

8. *Invites* the organizations of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization, to contribute, within their respective mandates, to the work of the Council, as appropriate, including to the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including 61/16, which should also adequately reflect the work of the functional commissions in 2008, including actions taken to follow up the present resolution, for consideration by the Council at its substantive session in 2008.

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[6] See A/C.2/59/3 and A/60/687.